

Nursery Co. One of the most elegant of bamboos, with characteristic black stems 10 to 20 feet in height and plumelike masses of dark green leaves. It is a native of China and Japan, and is quite hardy in regions of mild winters. (Adapted from Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 2, p. 152.)

*Rubus swinhoii* (Rosaceae), 48740. From Kuliang Hills, near Foochow, Fukien, China. Seeds collected by Mr. J. B. Norton, agricultural explorer. "The berries when ripe come off like thimbleberries; they are of good quality, rich dark red in color, and with a distinct, pleasantly bitter flavor which makes them of value in hybridization work. The juice of this berry would add flavor to some of our more tasteless *Rubus* fruits." (Norton.)

*Rubus* sp. (Rosaceae), 49332. From Coban, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. Seeds collected by Mr. Wilson Popenoe, agricultural explorer. "No. 244a. 'Tokan uuk' (Ketchi), 'mora' (Spanish). The most remarkable *Rubus* of the Verapaz, and one which seems to possess unusual promise. It can best be likened to the loganberry in character, yet its flavor is more nearly that of the red raspberry. For the large size of the fruits and their excellent quality it merits a careful trial in the United States.

"In habit the plant is suberect or even trailing, and it makes little wood. The canes sometimes reach 15 feet in length. The stems and lower surfaces of the leaves are silvery white, by which means it is easy to distinguish this species from the others which occur in the Alta Verapaz. Compared to most of them, it is rare. The leaves are trifoliolate, with lanceolate to elliptic leaflets, long-acuminate and sharply serrate. The flowers are white, in panicles up to 6 inches long. The fruits vary from round to oblong in form, and are often an inch in length; in cultivation they would quite likely be even larger.

"The wild plants are not very productive, but their productiveness could be greatly increased by proper pruning. The fruit is not borne at the ends of the canes, but upon short, fruiting laterals, and pruning would increase the number of these. By the Indians of the Verapaz this is esteemed as the finest of the wild species of *Rubus*, an esteem to which it seems fully entitled. The plant is found occasionally along roadsides and in the edge of scrub. It likes a heavy